

LEWISBURG CHRONICLE AND WEST BRANCH FARMER

Wit and Humor.

Cholera and Pumpkins.

Tom Newbegin, as fat and wicked a wight as ever drove a team in Hornby, when the cholera was at its highest in this city, brought in a cart load of pumpkins to deal out to our poor living citizens. On his way, some one suggested to him that the cholera was raging in Bangor, and he would be likely to become a victim if he proceeded.

Tom rapped out an oath, sending the cholera to a certain place, and bestowing an adverse blessing upon every one who admitted the existence of such a disease.

He drove on as calmly and unconcernedly as was his wont, until he reached the top of Hammond street hill, when he met a cart in which was a coffin.

It is a droll way to carry a corpse to the grave in a cart, he thought, but the cholera did not occur to him.

Before he reached the foot of the hill, however, the awful sight of five coffins coming out of a cabinet-maker's shop, caused him to haul up at once.

What he had been told of the cholera now came into his mind with terrific force—his hair rose—and without stopping to think twice, he twitted his horse to the right about, and putting the string on, went back the way he came, as if the only being he ever stood in fear of was after him. In the mean time the tail board of his cart came out, and the pumpkins rolled down the hill in a way quite satisfactory to hogs and Hibernians. Tom was ignorant of all that had happened until he got over Thomas' hill—spent a mile—when he looked around and became aware of his loss, he drew a long breath and exclaimed,

"Well, thank God, I have got no cholera, if I had got no pumpkins!" [Bangor Courier.]

The Trial of Genius.

Many of our readers (says the Boston Republican) will perhaps remember Sidney Smith's account of his first attempt at letter writing. He had very rich indeed in the country, whom his mother wished to impress with a favorable opinion of the son's genius; and so, after much coaxing, she got him one day fairly seated for the purpose of writing a letter. He tells us he had snatched his pen, and scratched his head for more than an hour, but had got no further than the date and address, when his anxious mother bolted into the room, to get a glimpse of the wonderful epistle before it was despatched on its errand. So she seized it, and read its whole contents—"My dear Aut." Her disappointment may be imagined by all "proud" mothers. Bestowing upon the delinquent a rousing box on the ear, "What," she exclaimed, "have you been here two hours in learning to call your dear aunt a pismire?"

A Good Irish anecdote.

Some years since, when the beautiful painting of Adam and Eve was exhibited in Ireland, it became the chief topic of conversation. Finally a poor, ragged, illiterate peasant went to see it. The light was arranged as to reflect on the figures, and leave the spectator in comparative darkness. The peasant as he entered the room to see his first parents, was struck with so much astonishment, that he remained speechless for some moments. He stood like a statue, and as though his feet were incorporated with the oaken floor of the room. At last, with an effort, he turned to an acquaintance and said,

"Barney, I'll never say another word again Adam in all my life, for if I had been in the garden, I would have been every-
where for the trees, and as lovely as
Eve."

It is needless to add that this was received with roars of laughter.

A Horse's Opinion of a Plank Road.—The North Carolina man tells the following anecdote of an old farmer of that region, who had tried the plank road: "He was at first much opposed to the plank road, and thought it would be a waste of money to build it. But he came to Fayetteville with his wagon and produce, and drove on it some miles. When he got back to Chatham, our merchant friend asked him if he had seen the plank road? "Yes," he said, "he had seen it." "Well, did you drive on it?" "Yes." "Well, don't you think you can carry four times as much weight on it, with your four-horse team, as on a common road?" "Oh, yes," says he, it is first rate; and it's a fact that when the wagon got to the end of the planks and struck the heavy dirt road, every horse stopped and looked around!"

"How seldom it happens," said one friend to another, "that we find editors who are bred to the business?" "Very," replied the other, "and have you not remarked how seldom the business is breed to the editors?"

The meanest man in the world lives in West Troy. In helping him out of the river, once, a man tore the collar of his coat. The next day he sued him for assault and battery.

An Editor says he heard a young lady sing the other evening, whose voice was sweet, that it entered his ear like liquid moonlight!

Wise men are astonished at silly acts and fools at wise ones.



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